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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 7142

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, KE, SO

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL WARNS THAT REARMING SOMALIA HOSTILE TO KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 7116

1. DAILY NATION MAY 9 USED PRESS CONFERENCE OF SOMALI DEFECTOR COL. ABULLAHI YUSUF AHMED (REPORTED REFTTEL) AS SPRINGBOARD FOR EDITORIAL CLAIMING THAT SOMALI AGGRESSIVE AND EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS RE KENYA ARE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR AND THEREFORE IT WOULD BE "UNREASONABLE, TO SAY NOTHING OF IT BEING AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF KENYA, TO EXPECT THIS COUNTRY TO CONTINUE CONSIDERING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ARMING SOMALIA ITS TRUE FRIENDS."

2. TO REINFORCE ARGUMENT, EDITORIAL CITED RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR MIROSHENICHENKO WHO, WHEN ASKED WHY USSR HAD SO ARMED SOMALIA WHEN ITS AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS WERE CLEAR, ANSWERED "IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT HUMAN BEINGS CANNOT TELL WHAT OTHERS WILL DO IN THE FUTURE." EDITORIAL CONTINUED, "IT WOULD BE UNBELIEVABLE IF AN ENVOY OF ANY ONE OF THE COUNTRIES NOW REARMING SOMALIA ATTEMPTED TO SAY THE SAME THING."

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3. COMMENT: NATION EDITORIAL CLEARLY REPRESENTS GOK LINE THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER AS "UNFRIENDLY" REARMING OF SOMALIA. UNDOUBTEDLY, PRESS CONFERENCE OF SOMALI DEFECTORS ORCHESTRATED FOR MAXIMUM SCARE EFFECT. NONETHELESS, SOMALI'S MILITARY PROWESS RELATIVE TO KENYA'S AND SIAD BARRE'S REFUSAL TO RENOUNCE

TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OGADENI  
GUERRILLAS OFFER AMPLE EVIDENCE FOR GOK TO CONCLUDE THAT  
SOMALI THREAT REMAINS REAL AND URGENT.  
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